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These Guidelines are for the Boards of Administration of Bowls SA Member Clubs and is current as of 15 May 2020 Version 3.

Making an assessment of whether a safe exercise environment can be provided depends on a range of factors, which will apply differently at each Lawn Bowls venue. To determine whether a venue is to remain closed or restrictively allow green access is the responsibility of each Club's Board of Administration based on their local environment.

In determining the suitability of your Club reopening, these Guidelines should be considered in conjunction with:

1. [Bowls Australia Guidelines](#)
2. Local Government Association Council Guidelines
3. South Australian Government

### *The following considerations will assist in the viability of a Club reopening*

- Has your Club's Board of Administration decided to allow access to the greens?\_
- Does the Club's Local Government Association recommendations permit access to the greens?
- What is the maximum duration that Member bowlers will be permitted to be on the Bowls premises and how and by whom will this be monitored?
- Who will be responsible for ensuring a clean environment is maintained?
- How and where will Club Guidelines be communicated to members or participants?

### *Before you play*

Members should take precaution if:

- Have flu-like symptoms
- Have a temperature

Or are in a [high risk health category](#).

### *Venues*

- Meetings can now be lawfully conducted within the club providing there are no more than 10 people present and social distancing obligations are adhered to.
- Food or beverages **cannot** be made available at the meetings.
- Venues run by volunteers are recommended to close all indoor spaces including showers, change rooms and toilets

### *Use of Green*

- **Outdoor bowling greens may be made available providing a maximum of 10 persons is allowed per green at any one time. Maintain at least 1.5m between players on green.**
- There is to be no organised bowls activities including but not limited to social bowls, Night Owls, pennants
- Where practical use every second rink or ensure there is suitable distance.
- Only open to Club Members.
- Limited hours per day.  
*Example: Greens only open on Tuesday and Thursday between 10am – 12pm and 3pm – 5pm*
- During the times the greens will be open, will you have a booking system in place.
- Arrive and leave as close as possible to when you need to be there
- Only one parent/guardian should accompany younger children where possible.
- Leave gates ajar during opening hours so players don't need to touch handles to enter (if



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applicable)

- Consider placing day and/or/time restrictions on the accessibility of the venue
- Consider the administration of the use of the green, ie booking online or by phone
- Consider the promotion of the COVIDSafe App to increase traceability, should an outbreak occur

## **Lawn Bowls equipment**

There is no specific evidence that bowls can spread COVID-19. We do know that on hard surfaces contamination by respiratory droplets from an infected person can potentially survive up to three days. Therefore:

- Refrain from touching your face after touching equipment
- Restrict bowls to a particular person, rink or day of the week. E.g. One idea is to label them with a permanent marker
- Clean all Lawn Bowls equipment with alcohol-based disinfectant including mat, jack and coaching gear
- Use only necessary equipment

## **Social distancing**

- Lawn Bowls holds a unique advantage as a sport which requires no direct contact between players. Social distancing principles must be adhered to and require a person to maintain a space of at least 1.5m between individuals.
- The density requirement of the venue must not exceed one person per 4 square metres.
- Instead of acknowledging others with a hug, kiss or hand shake; smile and wave instead.
- Do not use or pick up each other bowls, bowling arms or bags.

## **Behaviours**

To protect against infection, you should observe good hygiene practices:

- Wash/ sterilise your hands regularly, including before and after you play
- Avoid touching your face while playing
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of any used tissue immediately
- Provide soap, hand-sanitiser or wipes at all main contact points
- Do not share water bottles and bring your own full bottle
- Keep your distance from people who are obviously sick
- Be aware of what surfaces you touch and if you touch equipment such as mat, jack, towel, you must clean these before you leave.

## **Clean environment**

Providing a clean environment to play Lawn Bowls in is essential. Ensure you:

- Provide soap, hand-sanitiser or wipes at all main contact points
- Clean all surfaces, frequently touched surfaces, doorknobs, light switches, gates, tables,
- Regularly remind and encourage everyone of the need to wash hands regularly
- Display signage about handwashing and hygiene techniques at strategic points
- Minimise touch points wherever possible

## **Penalties/fines**

Penalties are in place for any individual or Club that breaches this direction.

- Individuals may be issued with a \$1,000 on-the-spot fine.
- Club may be issued with a \$5,000 on-the-spot fine.

## **Resources – Posters/flyers**

You may wish to use the following resources to assist you in developing and communicating your Club's own Guidelines:

- Bowls SA website add link COVID-19 Club Guidelines – A Template



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- Facility Closed Poster
- Facility Open Poster